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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Examiner indicated claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form. However, upon further consideration, a new rejection is made in view of Sato, the instant application's disclosed prior art, and Omori.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato (US 5,956,328), further in view of the instant application's disclosed prior art and Omori (US 6,239,666).

As to claim 15, Sato teaches a phase offset calculation circuit (Fig. 1, means 102, 201; Fig. 2, means 201, 302, and 303) comprising a sign inversion circuit that performs a sign inversion of input signed binary data to a phase offset Θ of multiple 90° ; a phase offset circuit that performs a phase offset calculation smaller than 90° with the signal output from the phase shifter 201 (Fig. 1, means 202; Col. 4, Lines 44-67; Col. 5, Lines 1-53); said phase offset circuit comprising a fixed phase offset circuit that provides a predetermined amount of a fixed phase offset (means 202), wherein said phase offset

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circuit decides whether to provide the phase offset to an input signal with the fixed phase offset circuit (Table II), and wherein said phase offset circuit controls a total phase offset amount with the phase offset implemented by the sign inversion circuit to become a desired offset amount (Col. 5, Lines 37-60, Table II, means 202). Sato is not explicit about an amplitude adjustment circuit that adjusts the amplitude of the phase-offset signal after the sign inversion. The instant application's disclosed prior art teaches an amplitude adjustment circuit that adjusts the amplitude of the phase offset signal before the phase-offset calculator (Fig. 4B, means 406 and 407). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of the instant application's disclosed prior art with Sato in order to improve the level of a reception signal and clearly distinguish between interference signals from other mobile stations and the original reception signal (Pg. 2, Lines 1-5). Additionally, Omori teaches a modulator that uses a sign inversion circuit to invert the signal of the input signed binary data and adjusts the amplitude of the phase offset signal after the sign inversion (Fig. 3, means 31 and 36; Col. 2, Lines 29-64). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Omori with Sato and the instant application's disclosed prior art in order to make the amplitude uniform for the modulation, wherein the modulator is capable of reducing the circuit scale and power consumption to obtain a desired transmission signal (Col. 1, Lines 32-36; Col. 2, Lines 56-64).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Freshteh N. Aghdam whose telephone number is (571) 272-6037. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00-5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on (571) 272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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